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## Newsletter 9

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Dear Parents / Carers,

### Year 6 football team – A report from Mr Craggs

After an unfortunate start to the campaign, Monkston finally showed their true potential with two comprehensive wins against Bradwell Village (4-0) and Willen (5-2). Charlie, Ismail and Max were excellent in defence while Harrison led the attack unselfishly. Between the posts, Zandar made some smart saves in his first real match. Flynn worked tirelessly on the wings scoring a well-deserved goal. Likely to go down in Monkston folklore, captain Joey scored a brilliant bullet-header and Dom netted with an audacious bicycle kick. What an end to the season boys!



### STEM afternoon Years 1-6

It was brilliant to see so many parents / carers in attendance at our STEM afternoon last week. With a focus on engineering, there were lots of amazing projects taking place!



## Eco-Council Litter Pick

Our Eco-Council, led by Mrs Hamer, have been busy this January. They have been planting some new trees on the school grounds and have headed off around Monkston to complete a litter pick.



## Book appeal!

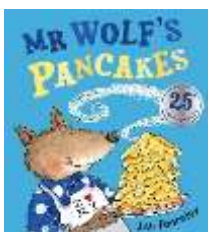
We have started a project in school where staff have created bookmarks of their favourite books to share with children. We have copies of most of the recommended books, but we are a few short. If you have a copy of any of the following books that you would be willing to donate or if you would like to donate a new copy to the school, we would be very grateful!

Don't forget about our birthday book scheme where pupils can donate a book to the school library instead of buying birthday sweets for their class.



**The Final Year by Matt Goodfellow**  
**First Term at Malory Towers by Enid Blyton**  
**The Order of the Phoenix by J. K. Rowling**  
**Never Shake a Rattlesnake by Nick Sharrat**  
**Mr Wolf's Pancakes by Jan Fearnley**  
**Somebody Swallowed Stanley by Sarah Roberts**  
**Meet the Ancient Greeks by James Davies**  
**The List Thing by Shaun Tan**  
**When the Sky Falls by Phil Earle**  
**How to Chat Chicken by Nick Crumpton**

**Other donations of the following books are always gratefully received!**



Any non-fiction books, particularly any Usborne or DK books  
Any Little People, Big Dreams  
Children's cookery books  
Ultimate Heroes football books  
Books in the How to Train your Dragon series – [book 3 onwards]  
Any graphic novels (Dog man, cat kid etc)  
Any new chart fiction children's books.  
Books in the Giggler Treatment series by Roddy Doyle (The giggler treatment, Rover Saves Christmas, Rover and the Big Fat Baby, the Rover adventures/the Meanwhile adventures)



Also any comics that are no longer needed.



### Year 3 production

Year 3 wowed us yesterday with their performance of 'Pirates versus Mermaids'. Their acting was superb and it was clear to see some stars of the future. Well done Year 3!



### Badminton Tournament – A report by Mr Craggs

A group of Year 5 children had a lovely time at the Badminton Festival hosted by pupils at Sir Herbert Leon. Monkston competed against many other schools whilst improving their racquet skills and demonstrating resilience. Well done everyone!



Kind regards

*H. Williams*

Mrs Hannah Williams

